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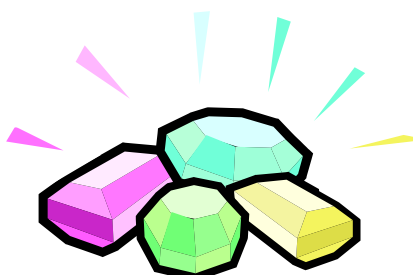
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### The Bozeman Gem & Mineral Show

The Bozeman Gem and Mineral Clubs Annual Rock Show is this May 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>, Mothers Day weekend. The show is for the public and there is something for everyone. The garnet table is always a big hit with the kids. They will sit and sort garnets chance. The garnets here in Montana and one of the kids will get that could be faceted.



for hours if they get a also are home grown every now and then a very nice garnet

Our annual show members. We do quite through the summer kinds of specimens all kinds of quartz crystals (smoky, amethyst and clear crystals). For anyone who has never been to a Gem and Mineral Show/Rock Show you will not be disappointed. Our vendors come from all over the country and Montana and they have a wide variety of items, from jewelry and minerals to things you **can just put on the shelf and collect dust. It's a great way to spend a couple hours so come on down to the Fairgrounds and enjoy the show!**

helps us attract new a few field trips and search for all from fossils, agates to

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### Gallatin County Fair - Dates to Remember

Mark your calendars! Here are a few Fair dates to remember:

Sponsorship deadlines are May 15. Call Jaime Cargill at 406-582-3275 or email her at: [jaime.cargill@gallatin.mt.gov](mailto:jaime.cargill@gallatin.mt.gov).



Gallatin County Fair entries for most contests and open class exhibits will begin June 1.

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# Mountain Magic Junior Classic Cattle Show



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## Gallatin County Fairgrounds in Bozeman, MT

### Friday - May 21st

1:00 p.m. Barn is Available  
3 - 5:30 p.m. Check In Cattle,  
Hip Height Steers  
& Read Tattoos

### Saturday - May 22nd

7 a.m. to 8 a.m. - Check In Cattle  
8 a.m. to 9 a.m.

Hip Height Steers  
& Read Tattoos

**11:30 A.M.**

**NEW**  
MMJC Steer Show  
Heifer Breed Show:  
Reg. Black Angus  
Reg. Hereford  
AOB  
Supreme Grand Champ  
Showmanship  
Reg. Angus Steer Show  
CHB Steer Show  
Awards Ceremony

### PRIZE MONEY PAID:

1st - \$35.00 2nd - \$30.00 3rd - \$20.00 4th - \$15.00

Director Chairs awarded to ALL class winners!

\$100 & Belt Buckle: Grand Champion Steer &  
Supreme Grand Champion Heifer

Coats for Reserve Champion Steer, Grand  
Champion and Reserve Champion  
Reg. Black Angus, Reg. Hereford, & AOB Heifers  
(Must have 8 heifers to have a breed division)

Wash Pants: Grand & Res. Champ. Beginner,  
Jr., Int., and Sr. Showman



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1. All animals must be identified by an ear tag or tattoo, and listed on the entry form. Tattoos must follow the National Angus Rules and CHB Rules.

### Original Registration

Paperwork needs to accompany Breed Show Heifers and Breed Show Steers.  
(NO PHOTOCOPIES WILL BE ACCEPTED)

2. Jackpot Steers will be shown by hip height, Breed Show Heifers and Reg. Angus Steers by age. (born Jan. 1, 2009 or later) and CHB Steers by hip height.
3. Each exhibitor is responsible for any loss, injury or damage that may result to the exhibitor, exhibitor officers, agents, employees or animals.
4. Exhibitors must be active members in 4H, or FFA, or a National Breed Association.
5. Exhibitors age classifications: (as of Jan. 1, 2010).
6. Showmanship Classifications: Beginners - (6 - 8 years old), Juniors - (9 - 12 years old), Intermediate - (13-16 years old), Senior - 17-21 years old) as of 1-1-10.
7. All MMJC Steers and Heifers must be shown by the OWNER unless doubled in class, then a current MMJC exhibitor may show the seconded animal.
8. Showmanship exhibitors must show their own animal.
9. Management reserves the right to interpret the rules. Their decisions are final.

## May Schedule of Events *(subject to change)*

May 8-9	Bozeman Gem & Mineral Show ( <i>\$3 Admission - children get in free</i> )	10am - 5pm Sat. 10am- 5 pm Sat.	Building #1
May 9			
May 11	Gallatin Fairgrounds Foundation Meeting ( <i>Informational Meeting &amp; Election of Officers</i> )	5:30pm-7pm	Holiday Inn
May 13	Fair Planning Meeting ( <i>Public is welcome to attend</i> )	5:30pm-7:30pm	Fairgrounds Office
May 15	Bozeman Antique Show ( <i>Admission \$4.00-good for both days</i> )	9am - 6pm Sat. 10am - 7pm Sun.	Building #1& 2
May 17	Montana Caregivers Network Health Clinic	10am-5pm	Building # 3
May 18	Fair Board Meeting	5:30pm-8pm	Fairgrounds Office
May 20	Murphy Auctions-Tack & Saddle Auction	6pm-10pm	Building # 2
May 21	House Productions - Under 21 Dance Party ( <i>Admission \$6</i> )	9pm-12am	Building #3
May 22	Mountain Magic Junior Classic Cattle Show	11pm - 6pm	Livestock Bldg #1
	Mud Bog	10am-5pm	Motor Sports Arena
	<b>Kid's Fest</b> ( <i>Admission is Free</i> )	2 pm-5pm	Building # 2
May 23	GSHC: Trail Clinic	10am- 3pm	Outdoor Arena
	TAP Enterprise-Tool Auction	1 pm-7pm	Building # 3
May 31	Memorial Day ( <i>Fairgrounds Office Closed</i> )		

More information is available at  
[www.gallatincountyfairgrounds.org](http://www.gallatincountyfairgrounds.org)





# NEWS from Bozeman Amateur Hockey Association (BAHA)

The Haynes Hockey League (adults) wrapped up their regular seasons by crowning champions in the four leagues:

Novice (D3): Great Whites  
Rec: Ice Monkeys  
Power: Blue Crush  
Over 40 (VHW): Old Crush

The Montana Senior Olympic hockey tournament was also hosted at the Haynes Pavilion in March. Here are the champions of the 8 team tournament:

Division A: Ketchum Idaho  
Division B: Bemidji Minnesota

On the youth side- two local teams participated in USA Hockey National Tournaments in April:

The Bozeman Icedog Bantam team represented Montana in Wayne, NJ playing well, but losing out in the preliminary round.

The Montana Thunderblades U-16 team (including several Gallatin Valley players) won the national championship against the Atlanta Fire in Philadelphia, PA. Congratulations to these talented and dedicated kids (and parents!)

Rink teardown at the Haynes Pavilion will be from May 3 through May 15. Rink setup will begin sometime at the end of September. For more information, please visit us at: [www.bozemanhockey.org](http://www.bozemanhockey.org).

**09/10 HHL Playoffs**

**D3 Champs: Great Whites**

**VHW Champs: Old Crush**

**REC Champs: Ice Monkeys**

**POWER Champs: Blue Crush**

## The Bozeman Saddle-ites: Flags, Fast Horses, and Fun

Founded in 1958 as a division of the Gallatin Saddle and Harness Club, the Bozeman Saddle-ites continue a western tradition of promoting rodeo and horsemanship throughout southwestern Montana. The Bozeman Saddle-ites are an all womens' volunteer precision drill team traveling to rodeos, parades, and competitions from April through October each year. Supported by sponsors, donations, and personal funds, the team works hard all year long just to hear the roar of the crowd.

Team members come from all different career backgrounds, with small business owners, nurses, administrative assistants, moms, horse trainers and conservationists to name a few. While some members learned to ride as adults and others have grown up with horses, each rider brings their strengths to the team, and together they share a love of horses and the western lifestyle.

We are a division of the Gallatin Saddle and Harness Club. GSHC, a non-profit organization since 1947, has generously supported our team for 51 years. Based out of the Gallatin County Fairgrounds, the club provides many different equine activities throughout the year including horse shows, trail rides, clinics, chili feed, and wagon rides.

We come for the camaraderie, for the patriotism and to learn the true meaning of teamwork. We come because the Bozeman Saddle-ites is a team that shares a love of horses. Together, we share the challenges and rewards of precision drill. To learn more about our team please visit our website <http://bozemansaddle-ites.com/> or contact our team president, Mindy Brown at 406.595.2495. We hope to see you at one of our upcoming events!

May 14 – 16	Miles City Bucking Horse Sale Rodeo/Parade
June 19-20	Belt 50 <sup>th</sup> annual PRCA Rodeo/Parade
June 19-20	Wilsall Rodeo – Honor Flags only
July 2 – 4	Livingston Roundup Rodeo/Parade
July 16 – 17	Three Forks Rodeo/Parade
July 25	Willow Creek Parade
Aug 21-22	MT State Drill Competition at the Fairgrounds
Sept 5 – 6	White Sulphur Springs Rodeo/Parade
Sept 25	Belgrade all Festival
Oct 9	MSU Homecoming Parade



## Marketing Minute: Sime Construction

Spring is right around the corner and with the longer days and warmer weather, the summer and the fun it brings, is at our doorstep. With so much planning that is involved in the Gallatin County Fair and the multitude of activities that are apart of Fair, it never ceases to amaze me the strong community support that we have behind this great event. With over 55,000 people coming in our gates on a given fair week, the Gallatin County Fair is the largest community event in the Gallatin Valley. Supporters of this event realize the importance the Fair brings to the community and we have generous sponsors and volunteers who make it all happen. One of the supporters of the Gallatin County Fairgrounds is Sime Construction. Ron and his crew at Sime have been an invaluable partner with the Fairgrounds for several years and a great partner to work with.



Sime Construction is a loyal supporter of the Gallatin County Fairgrounds and an important part of the community. Sime has been in business in the Gallatin Valley since 1976 and has been building roads and installing utilities in our valley for nearly 40 years. Sime is not only a generous supporter of the Fairgrounds but of several community events around the Bozeman area. Sime is locally owned and operated and works on everything from excavation, heavy highway construction, as well as utilities. You name it Sime has done the job. Sime has been the sponsor of the **Bozeman Round-up Ranch Rodeo's team penning competition for several years.** Please Join us July 24th for the Bozeman Round-up Ranch Rodeo. You will enjoy the fun and be helping us to thank Sime Construction for their loyal support of the Fair, Fairgrounds and their endless dedication to the Gallatin Valley Community.

*Jaime Cargill*  
Sponsorship Manager



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#### COMMITTEE MINUTES

Fair Planning  
Fair Board  
WinterFest

Minutes are available on the  
Fairgrounds website:  
[www.gallatincountyfairgrounds.org](http://www.gallatincountyfairgrounds.org)

#### FAIR BOARD MEMBERS

Bob Brekke - Chairman  
Dennis Farnham - Vice Chairman  
Chris Budeski  
Vicki Johnson  
Linda Warner  
Jeff Wade

#### COMMITTEES

WinterFest ... Fair Planning  
Bozeman Roundup Rodeo  
Volunteer ... Parking

We are always looking for more volunteers to help on committees. If you are interested in joining, please contact the Fairgrounds Office.

## FairEver Yours ... Manager's Thoughts

Its springtime in Montana! It's the time of year when I get out my knee-high rubber boots, my gardening gloves and summer clothes (I put those away in the fall, but never put away my winter stuff). I regain my energy and start REALLY gearing up for the County Fair and all the fun stuff that happens at the Fairgrounds during the summer months. You probably know, if you have been following this little column, that I am truly a cold weather and snow lover, but once things start to turn green I get in the warm weather spirit and thoroughly enjoy seeing and hearing the robins around the Fairgrounds – the gophers – not so much!

The snow that is falling on this cold, blustery day, will soon disappear and the grass will be a bright green and the daffodils will stand straight and tall again. This is the time of the year when the Fairgrounds starts its spring cleanup and we start hosting more outside events. Farmers Market starts in another month and a half and the first Dog Agility and Obedience Show is scheduled the first weekend in June. The Montana High School Rodeo Finals will take place the middle of June in the Anderson Arena. The 4-H kids will be moving their clinics and seminars outdoors. With the change of the seasons, the facilities used at the Fairgrounds change somewhat, but there is never a slow time.

As most everyone knows, the Fairgrounds has a long-range master plan that will encourage a greater number of events and a greater variety. The plan is so exciting and includes some great improvements for our community. The Fair Board and Fairgrounds Foundation have been working on the smaller projects included in the plan such as the new concession/restroom building at the Anderson Arena, and the new restroom building near the four exhibit buildings. There are still some smaller projects such as parking lot improvements, grassy park areas, storm water management, trails and even a few utility upgrades. These projects are leading up to the major improvements in the plan – the Event Center, Aquatic Center, Lazy River Water Park and the Year round Ice Facility. Sometimes these big improvements are almost overwhelming and we start doubting and then we get a jump start. That is just what has happened in the past few months. Two MSU engineering graduate students selected as their Professional Problem the Fairgrounds Master Plan and how to get it moving forward faster. They studied the affects it will have on our community and concluded that moving forward with the plan would provide very positive economic impacts, improve opportunities for our youth, provide a venue for more entertainment, commercial, educational and agricultural activities and events and make our community a real destination throughout the year. Listening to their presentation made me want to go out and purchase some lottery tickets and with my winnings get started. Another group of MSU students took on the daunting task of writing a business plan for the proposed Event Center. The outcome was extremely positive. Now we just need to get moving. We can do this!!!

Everyone will be hearing more about the Master Plan, the Event Center and the other proposed improvements very soon. **We don't want our community to be left behind. Many Montana Fairgrounds are looking at constructing event centers and other facilities on their grounds.** They know their communities need these types of facilities and who better to build and own them than the residents of Gallatin County. Helena has completed their Fairgrounds renovation and their new event center is attracting state, regional and even some national events. Missoula is in the planning stages to build an event center and renovate their Fairgrounds. I know we can make it happen here!

*Forever Yours,  
Sue Shockley  
Fairgrounds Manager*

**PS On another note, all you “horse people” should be aware a horse near Gallatin Gateway tested positive for EIA.** The Montana Dept. of Livestock recommends regular EIA testing as part of a sound equine health management program, especially when horses have been in contact with animals of unknown EIA status. In addition, having horses tested prior to purchase is highly recommended. Best management practices for prevention include insect control, and making sure no common needles or instruments are used.

The Fairgrounds is checking with the MDOL for recommendations on those bringing horses to the Fairgrounds. Please call before you haul into the Fairgrounds. 406-582-3270